

REMARKS

Claims 1, 3, 4, 6-8 and 10-14 are pending in this application. By this Amendment, claims 1, 4 and 8 are amended, and claim 9 is canceled. Support for the amendments is provided, for example, in paragraphs [0011]-[0013] of the specification. No new matter is added. Reconsideration of the application in view of the above amendments and the following remarks is respectfully requested.

Applicants appreciate the courtesies shown to Applicants' representative by Examiner Kayrish in the July 13, 2007 personal interview. As stated in the Interview Summary, the references have been distinguished. Applicants' separate record of the substance of the interview is incorporated into the following remarks.

The Office Action rejects claims 1, 4, 6, 8-10 and 12-14 under 35 U.S.C. §102(b) over Ainslie et al. (U.S. Patent No. 4,761,699) (Ainslie); and rejects claims 3, 7 and 11 under 35 U.S.C. §103(a) over Ainslie in view of Kamijima (U.S. Patent Publication No. 2003/0099054). Applicants respectfully traverse the rejections.

Claims 1, 4 and 8 are amended to further clarify that the poles form part of a circuit with the device to be energized so as to energize the device when current flows through the device via the poles. Applicants respectfully submit that Ainslie fails to disclose a magnetic head part comprising a device to be energized, including first and second poles for supplying a current therebetween, and an energizing electrode pad disposed on a first surface of the head slider on a side opposite from the support; the first pole of the device to be energized, being electrically connected to the energizing electrode pad; the second pole of the device to be energized, being conductible by way of a second surface of the head slider, the second surface being different from the first surface and being substantially parallel to and bonded to a surface of an arm member, wherein the first and second poles form a circuit with the device

to be energized so as to energize the device to be energized when current flows through the device via the first and second poles, as recited in independent claims 1, 4 and 8.

The Office Action asserts, on page 3, (1) that the recited "device to be energized" corresponds to the active transducer 11 and the inactive transducer 13 shown in Fig. 2 of Ainslie, (2) that the recited "first pole" corresponds to the plurality of electrical leads 19,21 and 27,29 shown in Fig. 2 of Ainslie, and that the recited "second pole" corresponds to the plurality of solder connect pads 70, shown in Figs. 5-7 of Ainslie. However, Applicants respectfully submit that neither the active transducer 11 nor the inactive transducer 13 of Ainslie is energized between the electrical leads 19,21 and 27,29 and the solder connect pads 70. In addition, the electrical leads 19,21 and 27,29 and the solder connect pads 70 do not form a circuit with the active transducer 11 or the inactive transducer 13 so as to energize the transducer 11 or 13 when current flows through the transducer 11 or 13 via the electrical leads 19,21 and 27,29 and the solder connect pads 70. The solder connect pads 70 are not a pole and are not used with the electrical leads 19,21 and 27,29 for "supplying current therebetween" or to energize the transducer 11,13. Thus, Ainslie fails to disclose a magnetic head part having the combination of features recited in independent claims 1, 4 and 8.

For at least these reasons, Applicants respectfully submit that claims 1, 4 and 8 are patentable over Ainslie. Applicants further submit that the other cited reference, Kamijima, does not overcome the deficiencies of Ainslie. Thus, the rejection of claims 1, 4 and 8 should be withdrawn.

Applicants also respectfully submit that the rejections of the remaining claims should be withdrawn based on the dependency of these claims from independent claims 1, 4 or 8, as well as the additional features recited in the claims.

In view of the foregoing, it is respectfully submitted that this application is in condition for allowance. Favorable reconsideration and prompt allowance of the claims are earnestly solicited.

Should the Examiner believe that anything further would be desirable in order to place this application in even better condition for allowance, the Examiner is invited to contact the undersigned at the telephone number set forth below.

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